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**REMARKS**

Attached is a draft revision of the memo to Pete Garcia. It has been revised per your instructions and cast in the vein you directed. If you approve, we'll go for final.

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DRAFT #1  
29 December 1980

Mr. Peter Garcia  
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Dear Mr. Garcia:

As Chairman of the DCI Security Committee I appreciate the opportunity to respond to the Interagency Task Group's proposal as set forth in FPM Bulletin 732-3.

Your efforts are to be commended and should go far toward compliance with the GAO recommendations for a more coherent program to determine position sensitivity. However, there is one issue I would like to raise and one request to make. It relates to your reference to SCI and DCID 1/14.

The DCI's statutory responsibilities speak to the protection of intelligence and intelligence sources and methods. The statute does not limit application of these responsibilities to SCI. I am concerned that use of such references in your Group's report offers potential for misinterpretation and possible misconception. It should not be given to understand throughout the government that the concept of access approvals to National Foreign Intelligence is limited to SCI. It would be erroneous to circumscribe DCI's statutory responsibilities to SCI matters. Further, it has

long been a basic tenet of personnel security that access to National Foreign Intelligence is not a concomitant of any given position but rather the consequence of a reasoned evaluation of an individual's need to know. A billet/position concept serves as an administrative convenience but cannot be viewed as the determinant of an investigative criteria for the incumbent of the position.

Accordingly while I believe that your Group's initiative will serve the rest of the government well I request that all reference to the Intelligence Community, SCI and DCID 1/14 be excused from your model. Parcelling out of the equation references to these matters does no disservice and retains the basic integrity of the report without involving another, and from our view point, irrelevant concern.

Coordination with the Intelligence Community's membership on the Security Committee on this point reflects a majority agreement on this request. The OSD member has not endorsed this position but all other members do.

With the same exception in agreement the members of the Security Committee as professional security personnel hold it advisable that a 15<sup>✓</sup> year period of investigative coverage should be adopted for background investigations conducted on individuals under consideration for TOP SECRET clearances and that a program of reinvestigation<sup>✓</sup> should be adopted for holders of TOP SECRET clearances. These proposals were derived from analysis of the

results of our recently completed Personnel Security Survey, a copy of which has been provided to you, and are forwarded for your consideration in proposing an investigative program for personnel nominated for access to TOP SECRET material.

Again, I believe the Interagency Task Group's study represents an important review of the government's personnel security program and I look forward to its successful completion.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Chairman

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